

WRITING ASSESSMENT  
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In high school laws have been made that force students to pass exit tests before they can graduate from high school. I agree with these laws because I think they will help the students to be ready for college, make sure they know what they will need for a job, and show the state that the school is teaching the students.

First, when most students go to college they have to re-take some classes, because they didn't learn or remember it when they were in that class in high school. This test would force them to study the notes from their classes and they might not have to take remedial classes. All through school I have had teachers tell me about how they never learned something very well in high school and that they had to re-take the course in college.

Second, it would make sure people are able to do the jobs that they were hired to do. If I was the boss of a company I would like to know that all my workers were able to read and write well, and had an understanding of math and science, so they could work better, and safer. They would work better, because they would be able to read instructions and answer questions about what they are doing, and safer, because they would be better educated on the laws and theory of science and math. Examples of how this would work are people entering mathematical equations and points into a computer to guide computer-controlled equipment safely from one place to another. It would also save employers from having to re-train people in basic skills.

Finally, this law will allow the state to know what the school is and is not teaching their students. If the school is, as a whole, missing certain questions the state could tell them that they need to improve in that class. For example, if the test was

in a math or a science class that requires ~~people~~<sup>students</sup> to know how to work certain problems, they could be told to practice more to help the skills.

In conclusion I think that these laws are a good Idea to help the Students, Schools, and Colleges to get better and smarter students.

**Score Point: 5**

This response reflects a strong degree of proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The writer clearly agrees that exit tests should be a high school graduation requirement. Key ideas are cited to support this position (help students prepare for college, make sure students know what they will need for a job, and show the state that the schools are teaching the students). The response is generally well organized and displays facility in the use of language. The first two ideas are strongly developed through explanations and specific illustrations; however, the writer does not sustain this level of development throughout the response.